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SUBJECT: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR 1, APR. 2, 1973

FOLLOWING MSG REC FROM AMCONSUL DANANG ON APR 2 ACTION
EMBASSY SAIGON REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

C O N F I D E N T I A L DANANG 0312

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SUBJ: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR I, X PLUS 64, APRIL
2, 1973

1. MILITARY SITUATION:

THERE WERE 24 INCIDENTS REPORTED IN MR I AT THE I CORPS
DAILY MORNING BRIEFING, OF WHICH 18 WERE ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF)
AND 3 WERE GROUND ATTACKS. THE FIRST DIVISION AO WAS AGAIN THE
MAJOR TARGET WITH A TOTAL OF 14 ABFS AIMED AGAINST NAMELY THE
THIRD REGIMENT AROUND NUI GIO IN WESTERN THUA THIEN. CORPS-
WIDE, REPORTED CASUALTIES WERE: FRIENDLY 11 KIA, 2 MIA, 32 WIA;
ENEMY 23 KIA. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 1,198 ROUNDS; 730 NORTH
OF THE HAI VAN PASS, 468 SOUTH. ARVN INTELLIGENCE REPORTS POSSIBLE
ENEMY INTENTION TO RELEASE 50 ARVN POWS IN NEAR FUTURE IN
QUANG NGAI PROVINCE.

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2. GVN MILITARY ACTIVITY:

A. POLOFF REPORTS THAT QUANG NAM SECTOR HEADQUARTERS EXPECTS AN ENEMY THRUST, POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS MID- APRIL, THROUGH DAI LOC DISTRICT INTO THE POPULATED AREAS OF QUANG NAM. THE QUANG NAM PROVINCE CHIEF HAS ESTABLISHED A RESERVE OF 4 MOBILE RF BATTALIONS AND ORDERED INCREASED VIGILANCE ON THE PART OF LOCAL RF COMMANDERS AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS. POLOFFCOMMENT: GVN DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES IN QUANG NAM HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ARVN 51 ST REGIMENT FROM QUE SON DISTRICT BACK TO THE AO OF THE ARVN FIRST DIVISION IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE. END COMMENT.

B. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE AREA DIRECTOR AND THE POLOFF THUA THIEN/ QUANG TRI, LTG LAN QUANG THI, DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL FOR MR I, NOTED THAT THE 803 RD NVA REGIMENT HAD BEEN REPLACES BY THE 812 REGIMENT OF THE 324 B NVA DISISION NEAR BASE AREA 114, LOCATED AT THE EASTERN END OF THE BA LONG INFILTRATION ROUTE IN NORTHWESTERN THUA THIEN. THI STATED THAT ANY DRIVE AGAINST HUE CITY WOULD BE LAUNCHED FROM THIS BASE 114 AREA. ACCORDING TO THI, THE ENEMY WILL BE CAPABILE OF MOUNTING AN OFFENSIVE OF A TWO- WEEK DURATION IN ANOTHER 50 DAYS.

3. COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES:

POLOFF IN QUANG NAM REPORTS THAT LOCAL GVN AUTHORITIES SAY THEY HAVE THUS FAR CONFISCATED APPROXIMATELY 4,000 " PEOPLE' S ID CARDS" DISTRIBUTED BY COMMUNIST CADRE. THE CARDS CARRY SLOGANS OF " INDEPENDENCE - DEMOCRACY - PEACE - NEUTRALITY" AND ARE ISSUED ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE " REPUBLIC OF THE SOUTHERN REGION OF VIETNAM" OVER THE SIGNATURE OF PHAM DUC NAM, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF QUANG NAM PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE - DANANG. 2,000 OF THE CARDS WERE CONFISCATED IN DIEN BAN DISTRICT.

4. ICCS:

A. ACCORDING TO POLOFF QUANG NAM, THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE URGED THE ICCS IN HOI AN TO EXTEND THE RANGE OF THEIR EXCURSIONS BEYOND THE PROVINCE CAPITAL. THE POLISH AND HUNGARIAN REPRESENTATIVES REJECTED THE IDEA, ARGUING THAT THE TEAM SHOULD AWAIT THE DEPLOYMENT OF PRG REPRESENTATION TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF FAVORING THE GVN BY MEETING AND TOURING WITH ONLY GVN OFFICIALS. THE CANDEL AND INDODEL HAVE DECIDED TO TRAVEL BY THEMSELVES TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN JUST SOUTH OF DANANG CITY AND TO DAI LOC DISTRICT NEXT WEEK.
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B. ICCS SUB- REGION TEAM IN HOI AN WAS INUNDATED THIS PAST WEEK WITH A PACKAGE OF 174 PROTEST LETTERS, PRIMARILY ANTI- COMMUNIST POLEMICS, WRITTEN BY LOCAL GROUPS OF PEOPLE AND ACCOMPANIED BY A COVER LETTER OF THE PROVINCE CHIEF. THE LETTERS WERE FORWARDED TO DANANG WHERE, ACCORDING TO A CANADIAN SUB- REGION REPRESENTATIVE, THEY WILL BE " PUT IN FILE 13" FOR NO FURTHER ACTION. LOCAL ICCS TEAM WILL CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT ALL REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATION COME FROM THE JMC.

C. ICCS QUANG TRI CITY SUB- REGION TEAM IS NOW DEPLOYED ON A 24- HOUR BASIS WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE POLDEL AND HUNGDEL ON MARCH 29. HUNGARIAN FEARS OF VIPERS AND OTHER SNAKES HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN RESOLVED BY THE POURING OF OIL ON THE SAND AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE SITE.

D. IN HUE THE ICCS REGION I TEAM IS MOVING ITS HEADQUARTERS FROM THE HUONG GIANG HOTEL TO THE MACV COMPOUND VACATED BY U. S. FPJMT OFFICERS LAST WEEK.

E. A SIMILAR MOVE INTO THE FORMER HOI AN CORDS COMPOUND VACATED BY U. S. OFFICERS ON MARCH 29 IS PLANNED BY THE QUANG NAM SUB- REGION ICCS TEAM. BROWN
WHITEHOUSE

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